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## Personal Mention

Brother J. M. Murray reports one accession at the Highland church, Pa.

In reply to inquiries the address of brother J. C. Cassel is, Philadelphia, Pa., 915 Arch Street.

Brother William Kiefer, Pleasant Home, Ohio, reports one received by baptism in the Zion Hill congregation.

Brother J. M. Murray, Aleppo, Pa., writes, "Baptized four yesterday and four others confessed Christ, making six I have baptized since my last report."

From brother J. B. Grable, Bissell, Pa., we learn that brother F. B. McCullough was with the people of the Highland church June 17 and preached three sermons for them.

Brother L. A. Hazlett, pastor of the Elk Lick, Pa., congregation, expects to attend the Bible Conference at Winona prior to the Brethren National Conference at that place Aug. 31st.

We have no letter from Sister Detwiler this week. Monday and Tuesday, July 2 and 3 she was at Lanark. Where she is now we cannot tell, but hope to publish a long letter from her next week.

At New Troy, Michigan brother W. H. Miller reports several accessions. He also writes very encouragingly of the work at Corinth, Indiana, where they have recently liquidated a church debt.

Brother J. L. Gillin, in this issue, makes some inquiries which we trust the G. B. brethren will answer. They are made in good faith, and surely they will not refuse to give a "reason for the hope that is in them."

Brother L. S. Bauman, general agent of the Publication Board continues his work among the churches in Pennsylvania with good success. Sunday July 15 he will preach for the people in Philadelphia.

The article on "Christian Patriotism" by brother J. S. C. Spickerman, in this issue, is well written and contains good thoughts. He, with many others, should contribute more frequently to the columns of our paper.

"The Model Society" by Sister Wise, in this issue, was written for and read at our late State Conference, Ankenytown. It contains very help-

ful thoughts and good suggestions, not only for our sisters but for brothers as well.

"Deliverance," by Brother McFaden in this issue has more than usual merit. It is beautifully written and is rich in thought. It will pay to read it the second time, for in your first reading you may not get at the real heart of what the author intends,

Professor Witter is at Winona doing work in those studies in which he is already a specialist. Colleges are looking for men who by close and continued application make themselves master of the work they are called upon to do. The teacher of today must in every sense be a progressive one.

Prof. L. L. Garber, of the Ashland College faculty, expects to spend part of his vacation at Chautauqua prosecuting work for which he is already eminently qualified. The wide-awake, progressive teacher of today is never satisfied with present attainments. He looks forward to the larger demands which the future will make upon him. All the members of the Ashland College faculty are of the progressive class.

Brother Hugo Paul wise, of the Middlebranch Wise family has close at heart all the different departments of church work. The report by brother L. S. Bauman shows that he is equally interested in the Publishing House with the College. He has learned the secret of giving, and we feel sure that he is a happy little Christian. He has received and receives now the instructions of Christian parents and that means a great deal.

Brother W. D. Furry writes that he had good audience Sunday, July, 1, at Lanark, where he began his work on that day. The Methodist people gave evidence of their good wishes by withdrawing their own appointment and coming in a body. Brother Furry speaks very highly of the reception given him in his new field of labor. Of course it is understood by the brotherhood at large that he remains at Lanark for two months only, then moves to Ashland and takes up his work in the College.

Recently we have had the pleasure of a very pleasant visit by sisters Emma and Kate Olinger of the Meyersdale congregation. Their stay was short yet very highly appreciated. Aside from the fact that they are intensely interested in the cause of the Brethren church, their visit in our home was, for more than one reason, doubly appreciated. Many indeed are the pleasant recollections of association with them as their pastor. Having received them into the church by confession and baptism they were always ready and willing for whatever their pastor might have for them to do. Then their presence with us revived memories most pleasant, and gave us an opportunity to learn about those in whom we feel a more than usual interest. On the whole their visit with us was a social treat and we thank the good sisters for having so kindly remembered us.

Brother J. H. Grogg, West Union, West Virginia, whose announcement appeared in last week's paper paid a visit to Ashland Sunday and Monday last. He came in time Sunday afternoon to hear Brother Miller preach the union sermon in the College chapel at 7:30 o'clock with which he expressed himself as well pleased. He was most favorably impressed with Ashland and the outlook for the College. Owing to location Brother Grogg has been denied the privilege of working with the people of his choice, and he is now thinking very earnestly of locating in Ashland. We trust his plans may mature and that he will make his future home in Ashland. He is thoroughly in earnest in everything he undertakes whether in business or church work, and is just such a man as the church, the college and the town of Ashland needs. His visit here was greatly appreciated. He has promised to write "up" his visit to Ashland for the EVANGELIST, so that the reader may expect to learn what was Brother Grogg's first impression of our town and the interests of the church centered

here. In behalf of the church, the college, and town, we give Brother Grogg a hearty invitation to locate among us.

## Literary Notes

A graduate of Cornell University will tell in a carefully detailed article in the August *Ladies' Home Journal*, "How a Girl Can Work Her Way Thru College." There are almost innumerable methods by which a girl can pay for her education while she is studying. Colleges and universities make most generous provision for young women and young men who are without money, but who have brains and energy. So no apt, worthy girl need be without a college education if she wants one and is determined to have it. This article will tell how it is to be obtained thru personal effort.

Among the special features of the July Magazine Number of *The Outlook* will be found a collection of portraits and pictures relating to the present Chinese crisis, including several never heretofore printed, and of unusual interest; an article on the political career and character of Joseph Chamberlain by Mr. Justin McCarthy, the author of "The History of Our Times" and "The Story of Gladstone's Life," with portrait; an account of a "Visit with the Prince of Montenegro," by E. A. Steiner, with many pictures; an elaborately illustrated article on Lourdes, "A Town of Modern Miracles," by Clifton Johnson, who furnishes also the photographs reproduced; an illustrated article on "The Religious Situation at Harvard," by Mr. Durant Drake, a singular story called "The First Judas," by Florence M. Kingsley, whose novel of early Christian times called "Titus," achieved such an extraordinary success; another instalment of Mr. Hamilton W. Mabie's series of illustrated articles on Shakespeare, and several other illustrated and unillustrated magazine articles, together with the usual full historical review of the world, editorials and other departments. (\$3.00 a year. The Outlook Company, New York.)

In the July *Homiletic Review*, Dr. David James Burrell, of the Marble Collegiate church writes on "The Illumination of the Sermon," from the opening discussion of which we take the following:

"The root meaning of the word *sermon* is 'a thrust.' A dull sermon is therefore no sermon at all. Nevertheless, it is rumored that dull preachers are to be found in some portions of the world. Charles Lamb came upon one of them, of whom he said: 'He is so dry that if you were to pick him nothing would come out but sawdust.' Alexander Pope on one occasion found himself shut up in a church with a few fellow sufferers and a monotonous preacher; whereupon he wrote on the fly-leaf of a prayer-book:

"I whisper, gracious God,  
What have I done to merit such a rod;  
That all this shot of dullness now should be  
From this Thy blunderbuss discharged on me?"

"One reason why some of our sermons are flat, stale, and unprofitable is because we have nothing to say. The saintly Summerfield, when he was dying, said: 'Oh, now if I could return to my pulpit for an hour how I could preach! I have had a glimpse into eternity.' The truths we present are of tremendous import. The Gospel of the manger, the cross, and the rifled sepulcher is sensational enough to preclude the necessity of all vulgar methods of rhetoric. There is no yawning in the presence of the baptism of fire. Felix trembles when Paul reasons from right premises. But the preacher must believe something before he can preach, and this something must get hold of him, brain and sinew and bone and marrow, or else his preaching is a mere mumbling of words.

"This is a good place to say that God's worst gift to man is fluent speech. At the outset of my ministry and for ten unprofitable years I suffered all the pains of verbal and rhetorical travail, for